State Governments, it is for the State Governments to look after the constitution of the Pay Commissions. The Government has already decided about the terms of reference and the Government does not propose to amend the terms of reference any further for this 5th Pay Commission.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : सभापति महोदय, इंटेरिम रिलीफ की बात पूछी थी सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट के रवैये की बात बताई नहीं कि सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट कितना इंटेरिम रिलीफ देने की योजना कर रही है ? स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स को कह दिया . . . . (व्यवधान) डी.ए. मर्ज करेंगे या नहीं करेंगे, आपने सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट इम्पलाइज़ के लिए इंटेरिम रिलीफ देने के लिए क्या सोचा है ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH) : Before the Pay Commission was set up, there were extensive discussions with the employees in the JCM and it was agreed that interim relief should be sanctioned at the rate of Rs. 100 per month to all Central Government employees. It was also agreed that there should be a merger of D.A. with pay to the extent of 20 per cent for calculation of death-cum-retirement gratuity, and it is not our intention to offer anything further.

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : From which date is it going to be effective?

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH : It has already been implemented with effect from 16th of September, 1993.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU : Since the recommendations of the Pay Commission would have a bearing on the State Governments, insofar as the demands that would be raised by the employees of the State Governments and other State-level bodies are concerned, what is the rationale behind the Government not extending monetary support to the State Governments to fulfil the demands of their employees ?

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH : Mr. Chairman, Sir, before the setting up of the Pay Commission, through the mechanism of the National Development Council, the Central Government tried its very best to get the State Governments agree. But I am sorry to say that some of the State Governments refused to play ball and that is why the Central Government had to appoint a Pay Commission of its own.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Electronic News Gathering Unit of Doordarshan

*505. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to work out modalities for Electronic News-Gathering unit of Doordarshan to work in close collaboration with the State Governments so that the credit is given to materials fed by the State Governments; and

(b) whether Government also propose to increase Electronic News Gathering (ENG) units of Doordarshan in Orissa for more comprehensive coverage, in view of the fact that the commissioning of Satellite link regional service is reaching more than 87 per cent of the population in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The Doordarshan Kendras in different states already maintain close liaison with the state governments.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Restructuring of Department of Telecommunications

*506. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to restructure the department of Telecommunications;

(b) if so, whether any policy decision has also been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?